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H.B. No. 3631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to administration of a justice court technology fund in certain counties by a justice of the peace council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 102.0173, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsections (e) and (f) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(e) The justice court technology fund shall be administered by or under the direction of:

(1) a justice of the peace council composed of five or more members; or

(2) if a county does not have a council described by Subdivision (1), the commissioners court of the county.

(f) A justice court may, subject to the approval of the entity that administers the justice court technology fund, as provided by Subsection (e) [~~commissioners court~~], use a fund designated by this article to assist a constable's office or other county department with a technological enhancement, or cost related to the enhancement, described by Subsection (d)(1) or (2) if the enhancement directly relates to the operation or efficiency of the justice court. This subsection applies only to a county that:

(1) has a population of 125,000 or more;

(2) is not adjacent to a county of two million or more;

(3) contains a portion of the Guadalupe River; and

1 (4) contains a portion of Interstate Highway 10.

2 (g) In this article, "justice of the peace council" means a
3 council formed by and composed of members who serve as a justice of
4 the peace in the same county.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.